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6 December 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: PERSONNEL DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Release on Detain to OPC of Mr.
[redacted] Deputy Chief,
Biographic Register

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1. Discussion with [redacted] of OPC has convinced me (against my will) that it is genuinely in the best interest of national defense for me to agree to the release of [redacted] to OPC. OPC is unable to get officers with staff experience from the Army except for overseas duty, and it urgently needs such an officer for staff and planning work in headquarters. [redacted] has had extensive experience with the Army as a staff planner, he is highly competent in that capacity, and he appears to be a natural for the OPC job. Since the job involves planning for operations under conditions of war, which may be imminent, I expect that agree that it is more important to make his talents immediately available to OPC than to retain him in Biographic Register. This will work serious harm to the Register, but current estimates as to the influence of war must receive first consideration.

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2. I have orally agreed with [redacted] upon the following terms:

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(a) [redacted] will be released at once on temporary detail.

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(b) Permanent transfer will be decided upon at a later date, and will depend both upon [redacted] performance in the OPC job and the grade which OPC is able to offer him.

(c) OPC will release [redacted] to Biographic Register for full or part-time duty during January or February of 1951 if, during [redacted] contemplated temporary duty overseas, pressure upon the Register increases to an insurmountable level.

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